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Amendments to the Specification:

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[0017]

Figure 1 shows a wiping device in an isometric view from above; and

Please add paragraphs [0018.1], [0018.2], [0018.3] as follows:

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[0018.1] Figure 3A shows a cross-sectional view of a portion of a crank of the wiping device having a cylindrical bore with a chamfer;

[0018.2] Figure 3B shows a cross-sectional view of a portion of a crank of the wiping device having a cylindrical bore with a cylindrical depression; and

[0018.3] Figure 3C shows a cross-sectional view of a portion of a crank of the wiping device having a cylindrical bore with a recess.

Please rewrite paragraph [0020] as follows:

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A crank 8 is rotationally immovable disposed on the output shaft 6 at the free end of the output shaft 6 extending beyond the bearing insert 5. The output shaft-to-crank connection is a press fitting under the present invention. The inner part of the press fitting is the output shaft 6 which is surrounded by the outer part of the press fitting, namely by a cylindrical bore 9 on the crank 8. The joint surface between the output shaft 6 and the cylindrical bore 9 is in this case cylindrical. The cylindrical bore 9 can also have a chamfer 20, a cylindrical depression 30, or a recess having a shaped cutout 40 as shown in Figures 3A - 3C respectively.

Please rewrite paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023]

[0020]

As can be clearly seen from Figure 1, the end face of the free end of the output shaft 6 together with the surface of the crank 8 facing away from the gear housing forms a largely plane surface geometry. With this, the advantage is gained that bending the crank 8 because of a retaining element which must be disposed on the crank 8 in accordance with the prior art to retain the crank 8 to the output shaft [9] 6 is not required. Instead, under the invention a swivel head 10 present on the side

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of the crank 8 facing away from the output shaft 6 can be coupled to a wiper linkage, which is specifically disposed parallel to the crank 8 and by means of which the wiper blades lying on the window glass of the vehicle can be driven. A special geometric adaptation or configuration of the crank 8 because of the rotationally immovable disposition of the crank 8 on the output shaft 6 is not necessary under the present invention.

Please rewrite paragraph [0027] as follows:

[0027]

A cover 15 is also shown in Figure 2, which is furnished to cover an opening in the gear housing cover 12. The opening is located in the area in which the output shaft 6 extending through the gear housing 3 protrudes beyond the gear housing cover 12. To accommodate this end of the output shaft 6 the cover 15 has a raised bubble 16.

